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**For: APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR MAINTAINING A DRY  
ATMOSPHERE IN A SURFACE  
MOUNT DEVICE PLACEMENT  
MACHINE**

**Commissioner for Patents**  
**PO Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

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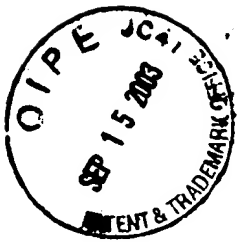
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Applicants hereby request a 1st -month extension of time until September 11, 2003 in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated July 11, 2003 for the above-identified application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1375 the additional fee of \$110.00 for obtaining this extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-1375.

Respectfully submitted,

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